

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Entitled: PROMOTER WHICH ALLOWS TRANSGENE EXPRESSION IN THE ENTIRE EXCEPT THE SEED

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) (3), please substitute for pending claims 6, 7, 12-15, 17, 18, 23, and 24 with the following clean version of the claims. The changes to these claims are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version of Claims."

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6. (Amended) The use of a sequence as claimed in claim 1, for identifying fragments of the sequence SEQ ID No. 1 which allows the expression of a gene of interest in the tissues of a plant, except in the maturing seed and in the dry seed.

7. (Amended) An expression cassette, characterized in that it comprises a sequence of interest fused to a sequence comprising a promoter sequence as claimed in claim 1.

12. (Amended) A vector comprising an expression cassette as claimed in claim 7.